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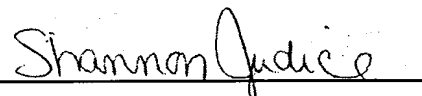
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter Buck
Serial No.: 09/996,333
Date Filed: November 28, 2001
Group Art Unit: 1756
Examiner: Mohamedulla, Saleha R.
Title: **PHOTOMASK AND METHOD FOR REDUCING
EXPOSURE TIMES OF HIGH DENSITY
PATTERNS ON THE SAME**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.